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Applicant: Pu Zhou
 Serial No.: 10/615,651
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 For: METHOD OF FORMING CATHETER DISTAL TIP



Confirmation No.: 9310
 Examiner: K. Sirmons
 Group Art Unit: 3763
 Customer No.: 28075

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Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

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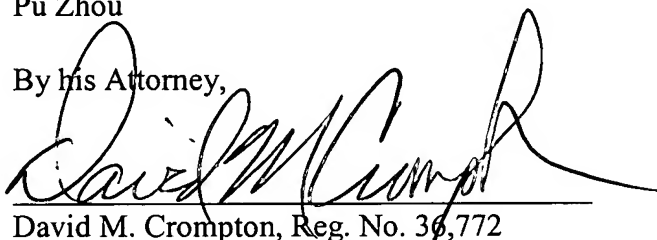
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Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement is a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

Pu Zhou

By his Attorney,

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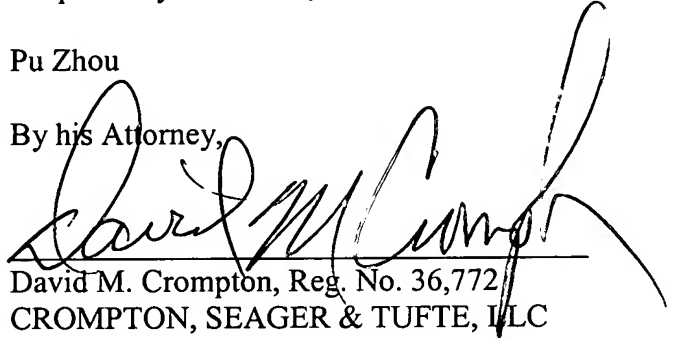
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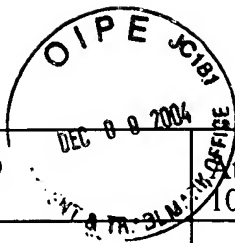
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Filing Date If Appropriate
AA	4,321,226	03/23/1982	Markling	
AB	5,951,929	09/14/1999	Wilson	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document No.	Date	Country	Translation Yes No
AD	EP 0 841 072 A2	05/13/1998	Europe	
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